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VIETNAMESE SUMMARY SUPPLEMENT
(Information as of 1030 EST)

1. Madame Nhu is still in Los Angeles. She has not yet said when she plans to leave for Saigon. An aide said she may stay until early next week. We also have no information on the "major pronouncement" she has said she may make, or when it will be forthcoming.

2. "Despite assassination of character (and) being called a two-faced woman," Madame Nhu told an enthusiastic crowd of 2,000 young republicans in Los Angeles last night, "I believe I did well to come here to the United States." She repeated her charge that the press has distorted her views and statements and added: "Each time I denounced actions I believe to be un-American, I was denounced." She also told the young republicans that "what had been done in China 20 years cannot be repeated in South Vietnam." Pickets demonstrated outside the Statler-Hilton where she spoke, but inside the young republicans cheered her.

3. A friendly voice has been raised in New York in defense of Madame Nhu. Clare Boothe Luce, in today's National Review, said that Madame Nhu has been treated "as a vicious enemy of our country" and that by comparison Soviet Premier Khrushchev had been treated like a public hero during his visit to America. Mrs. Luce defended the Vietnamese Government's treatment of the Buddhists and denied that the Buddhists were, in fact, oppressed. She said: "The Buddhist monks in Vietnam who incinerated themselves not only regained 'face' for the temple, but Nirvana or paradise and sainthood for themselves. For at least three of the monks who were over age 70, this must have seemed a rather good deal."

Mrs. Luce said that Madame Nhu's importance lies in "the great political security she wields in her country" and "America's prestige, if not security, seems to lie in the pale pink palm of her exquisite little hand."

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4. Madame Nhu, rebuffed by Warner Brothers, was welcomed yesterday by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. She and her daughter spent two hours at an MGM studio. They lunched and talked with MGM stars and executives.

5. Tran Van Chuong has publicly disowned his daughter. In a radio interview yesterday in Hartford, Conn., he said: "I never talked to the press about Madame Nhu. I will tell you she is not my daughter." In Los Angeles last night Madame Nhu had no comment on her father's statement, except to say: "Any time I can, I shall try to see my father." She may get the opportunity to do that next Sunday, if she is still here. Her father arrives then for a speaking engagement at Chapman College in nearby Orange, California.

6. Inasmuch as last night's speech was Madame Nhu's last scheduled public engagement in the US, this supplement is discontinued with this issue. Any necessary further reporting on Madame Nhu will appear in the regular South Vietnam Summary.

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